PTL Request & Sample Logging

PTL <u>Request</u> Coding Format: Currently limited to a maximum of 10 characters; would prefer 15 or more character maximum

- Letter $(A-Z)^1$ + Year (yy) + sequence number

   Example of general format: Z + 97 + 01 → Z9701

   [1]See listing entitled **Uniform Coding System** for designations A-Z.

- Alternate format replaces the initial letter with a meaningful group (POL, WE, SPCL)

   Example of alternate format: POL03344

PTL <u>Sample</u> Coding Format: Currently limited to a maximum of 15 characters. There are several formats for sample codes depending on origin of sample

- <u>Prefix</u> - Assigned to name brands (Marlboro, Winston, etc.), based on cigarette length, filtered or unfiltered, mentholated or unmentholated, box or soft pack, pack with more or less than 20 cigarettes. (See the listing entitled **Brand Identification Codes for Domestic Cigarettes.**)

   Examples: MR6M   =   Marlboro King Size Menthol Soft Pack

   MR6P25 =   Marlboro King Size Soft Pack (25 cigts per pack)

- <u>Semi-works Samples</u> - The Semi-works code is used

   Example: 97•HP•188

- <u>Factory Samples</u> - Used primarily to identify samples for the Production Audit Program

   Example: PM + Factory (2 letters) + 6-digit brand code + Text id (up to 5 characters)

   PM + SS + 000012 + STDMF → PMSS000012STDMF

- <u>Shortened version of a Factory Code</u> - Factory sample tested for some purpose other than Production Audit.

   Example: Factory + last 4 digits of brand code → SS-8026